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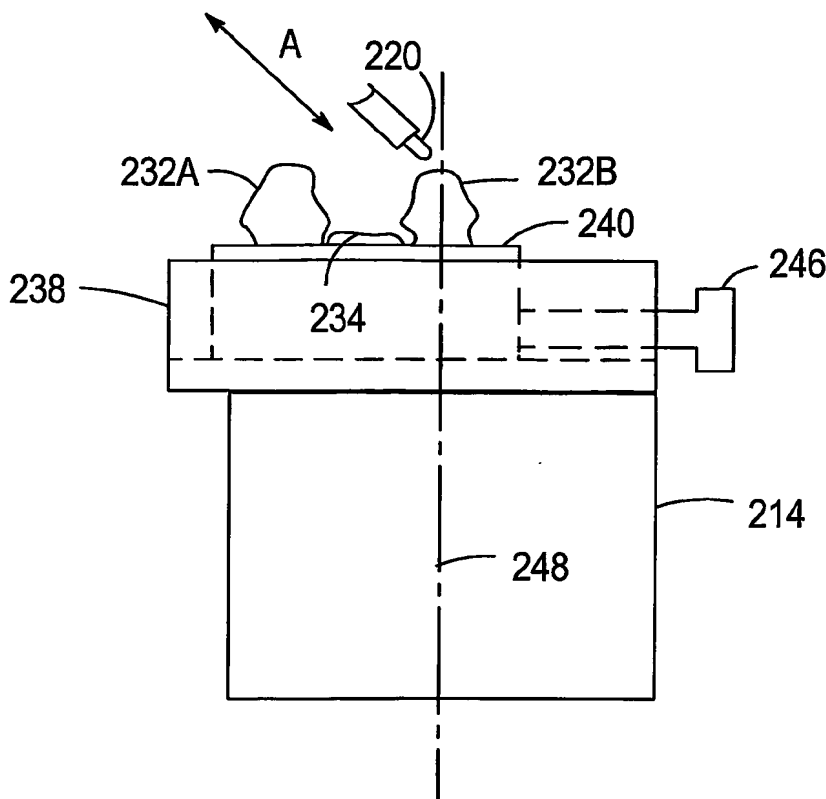
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(54) Title: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR SCANNING



(57) Abstract: Disclosed is a scanner for the scanning of articles comprising a scanning apparatus (10) having a scanning device (18) and a rotatable sample mount (14,420) whereby, the scanning device and mount are relatively displaceable along the rotary axis (48) of the mount, a receptacle (40,140,240,400) mounted on the sample mount, the receptacle being capable of securely accommodating an article (30), and an actuator (146,246) for linearly displacing the receptacle whereby, actuation of the actuator displaces the receptacle and any article secured thereto, with respect to the sample mount. The article may be elongate and the displacement by the actuator is along an axis defined by the elongate axis of the elongate article. Also disclosed is a method of scanning.



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